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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

IN RE: UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,
PASSENGER SEXUAL ASSAULT
LITIGATION

This Document Relates to:

ALL ACTIONS

Case No. 3:23-md-03084-CRB

**REPLY DECLARATION OF MARK
PREMO-HOPKINS IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION FOR ENFORCEMENT OF
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Magistrate Judge: Hon. Lisa J. Cisneros
Courtroom: G – 15th Floor
Hearing Date: August 28, 2025
Hearing Time: 10:30 a.m.

1 I, Mark Premo-Hopkins, declare as follows:

2 1. I am an attorney at Kirkland & Ellis L.L.P., counsel of record for Defendants Uber
3 Technologies, Inc., Raiser, LLC, and Raiser-CA, LLC (collectively, “Uber” or “Defendants”). I offer this
4 Reply Declaration in the above-captioned matter in support of Uber’s Motion for Enforcement of the
5 Protective Order (the “Motion”).

6 2. Following the filing of the Motion on August 13, 2025, Roopal Luhana, MDL Co-Lead
7 Counsel, sent an email to me asking to discuss Uber’s Motion further. Attached as **Exhibit 1** is a true copy
8 of that email.

9 3. On August 19, 2025, I responded via email and asked counsel to send the “proposal for
10 what plaintiffs’ leadership counsel would be willing to do.” Attached as **Exhibit 2** is a true copy of that
11 email.

12 4. On August 20, 2025, Ms. Luhana sent an email with a proposal for what “[e]ach PSC law
13 firm with access to MDL shared document and work product depositories” was willing to agree to.
14 Attached as **Exhibit 3** is a true copy of that email.

15 5. On August 21, 2025, I sent a response to Ms. Luhana with proposed alternative language,
16 and also reiterated that “[w]e maintain that we will ultimately need to obtain certifications from all counsel
17 on the plaintiffs’ side that had access to the materials.” Attached as **Exhibit 4** is a true copy of that email.

18 6. I sent a follow-up email later that day concerning Uber’s proposal, as well as to ask if
19 Plaintiffs would agree to a request to move the hearing on the Motion from September 30, 2025 to an
20 earlier date. Attached as **Exhibit 5** is a true copy of that email.

21 7. On the evening of August 22, 2025, I engaged in a meet-and-confer via Zoom with
22 Plaintiffs’ Lead Counsel. During that meet-and-confer, Plaintiffs’ Counsel agreed that leadership would
23 provide in writing the certification language requested by Uber. That language is set forth below:

24 1. I contacted each employee, contractor, consultant or agent (including expert witnesses)
25 working with [INSERT FIRM NAME HERE], as well as any client who, to best of my
26 knowledge and based on a reasonable investigation, had access to the compilation of sealed
27 documents/exhibits (or a significant subset thereof) submitted in connection with Plaintiffs’
28 summary judgment opposition in the JCCP. Each of the individuals confirmed to me they did

1 not share or in any way provide access, directly or indirectly, to any of the documents
 2 referenced in the Article to the *New York Times* or its agents, either directly or indirectly. I did
 3 not contact consultants, contractors, agents, or experts that I knew were contacted by another
 4 law firm.

5 2a. I do not have any knowledge or information relating to the identity of any person, entity or
 6 organization that was involved in any way—either directly or indirectly—in sharing
 7 confidential information with the New York Times.

8 Or

9 2b. The investigation described in paragraph 1 revealed information concerning the source of
 10 this unauthorized disclosure to the New York Times [and then describe the circumstances of
 11 the disclosure].

12 8. Counsel also asked Uber to provide a list of the other firms that Uber would want Plaintiff
 13 leadership to ask for certification. Counsel further asked that Uber withdraw the Motion in its entirety.
 14 During the Zoom call, I responded that we could discuss the issue for specific firms who agreed to provide
 15 the requested information, but could not agree to withdraw the motion in its entirety, because certain
 16 attorneys subject to the Motion had expressly told me before filing they would not provide the information
 17 requested by Uber. I agreed to discuss this with my client, but told counsel I was not confident that the
 18 client would be willing to do so. During the meet-and-confer, I also asked about advancing the hearing
 19 date on the Motion, and they indicated that they would defer to the Court’s schedule.

20 9. On August 22, 2025, I emailed Plaintiffs’ Lead Counsel the list of firms from whom Uber
 21 would expect the same certification language that Plaintiffs’ Lead Counsel had agreed to. Attached as
 22 **Exhibit 6** is a true copy of that email.

23 10. Also on August 22, 2025, I emailed Plaintiffs’ Lead Counsel Uber’s draft motion to shorten
 24 time to hearing on the Motion. Attached as **Exhibit 7** is a true copy of that email.

25 11. Also on August 22, 2025, Andrew R. Kaufman emailed to provide Plaintiffs’ position on
 26 the motion to shorten the time for hearing. Plaintiffs’ position was that “Plaintiffs defer to the Court on
 27 the timing of the hearing, but respectfully request that the Court not advance the due date for Plaintiffs’
 28 response to the motion, currently set for August 27.” Attached as **Exhibit 8** is a true copy of that email.

1 12. Uber filed its motion to shorten time to hearing on the Motion on August 22, 2025. ECF
2 No. 3733.

3 13. Magistrate Judge Cisneros granted Uber's motion to shorten time to hearing on August 25,
4 2025. ECF No. 3739. The order stated that “[a]t the August 28, 2025 status conference, the parties should
5 be prepared either to argue the merits of the motion or to discuss setting a later hearing date, at the
6 discretion of the Court.”

7 14. Also on August 25, 2025, I followed up by email concerning the list of firms that I had
8 previously provided on August 22. Attached as **Exhibit 9** is a true copy of that email.

9 15. Also on August 25, 2025, Plaintiffs' counsel responded that it would not undertake to
10 contact the firms individually. Attached as **Exhibit 10** is a true copy of that email.

11 16. This coordination could serve to narrow the scope of the parties' dispute, although Court
12 intervention would still be necessary because at least some counsel have explicitly refused to provide any
13 further certifications or assurances. For example, I met and conferred with non-leadership counsel,
14 including William Levin, David Grimes, Brian Abramson, and Celine Cutter who represent plaintiffs in
15 this MDL, on August 13, 2025, at which point they had stated that they would not do anything further to
16 certify their non-involvement in providing sealed materials to the *New York Times*. Brian Abramson also
17 sent an email to similar effect on August 12. Attached as **Exhibit 11** is a true copy of that email.

18 17. At this point, only MDL Leadership Counsel have agreed to provide the requested
19 certification; none of the other MDL plaintiffs' firms have done so.

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1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is
2 true and correct.

3 Dated: August 27, 2025

4 Respectfully submitted,

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